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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 17, 2008
Meeting Hall – Town Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard and John Turner

SELECTMAN ABSENT: Michael P. Stupinski

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer; Atherton B. Ryan, Town Attorney, Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk; Peter Michaud, Director of Public Works; EVFD: Mike Varney, Chief and other EVFD personnel; Residents: Joe Wehr [also on BOF], Clayton Bannock, Lane Resnik, Wiley Dumas, Cynthia Costanzo, Randy Toth, Kim Toth, Ted Brannon, Randy Smith, Elizabeth Spielman, Jim Spielman, Lindsay Neubecker, Karl Neubecker, Jonathan Allen, Dwight Perkins, Patty Perkins, Danielle Beavdy, Brandon Burton, David Stavens, Tom Sullivan, Sumner Chapman, Regan Toomey, Cliff Hapna, Ray Crabb, Scott Faster, John Rizzon, Carrie Fornal, John Krieski, Karen Neal, Richard Neal and Phil Perkins.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy First Selectman Charter called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 8:05 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

Clayton Bannock, 67 ½ Snipsic Road, requested that notice of special meetings be sent through town-wide e-mail. Mr. Charter stated that this request will be placed on the agenda scheduled for December 15, 2008.

Joe Wehr, 1 Meagan Circle, inquired into the status of the proposed roundabout and asked if there would be another public hearing regarding this proposal. Mr. Charter said that Mr. Wehr should contact the First Selectman for this information.

Mr. Wehr asked when the BOS was going to address the position of the Director of Public Works/Town Engineer. Mr. Charter stated that this is going to be discussed at the December 15, 2008 meeting of the BOS.

Mr. Miller said that the BOS needs to address the position of the Director of Public Works/Town Engineer and suggested an Ad Hoc Committee be established to discuss the process for filling this position. Members of the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation Commission and Land Use Boards should be included in the process.

Mr. Charter said this will be discussed on December 15th.

John Krieski, 30 Newell Hill Road, asked why no one in attendance at tonight's town meeting was asked for any identification. People who are not residents may be voting.

Mr. Charter said that the Moderator of the Town Meeting can be requested that proof of residency be required by those in attendance.

Jonathan Allen, 33 Dogwood Lane, agreed that people should be asked to show credentials at Town Meetings.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. October 20, 2008 Special Town Meeting:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2008.

B. October 20, 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2008.

C. October 21, 2008 Special Town Meeting

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED [BURSTEIN, CHARTER HARFORD AND PRICHARD VOTED – AYE; MILLER AND TURNER – ABSTAINED), TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,879.33, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 2008. **(Attached).**

B. Petition to Overrule 10/20/08 Town Meeting – Fire Truck Lease:

Mr. Charter referenced a letter (**attached**) from the Town Clerk regarding the petition. There were a total of 614 valid signatures. The Town Clerk also received four notarized statements that 148 of the signatures were not obtained lawfully as the petitioner was not present, which is a requirement of state law. Mr. Charter said the Town Clerk recommends that these signatures not be considered.

Ms. McKeegan, Town Clerk, interjected stating that she is responsible for validating the signatures. She does not make any recommendations as to the acceptance of the signatures. The BOS determines whether or not the signatures shall be accepted.

Mr. Charter also stated that there is a page of 25 signatures that has an incorrect statement at the top of the petition. [Wrong Town Meeting date]. He asked Town Attorney Ryan for his opinion of the petition.

Atty. Ryan stated that he reviewed the petition pages and it is his opinion that the page consisting of 25 signatures that has the wrong date of the Town Meeting at the top of the page should be honored. Although the date of the Town Meeting is wrong, the subject matter [regarding leasing of the fire truck] is correct. The circulator of the 148 signatures violated state statutes [according to four notarized statements received] because the circulator did not personally witness and present the petition to electors. The Town Attorney advised that the BOS disregard these 148 signatures.

Atty. Ryan recommends that the BOS honors the 25 signatures [that has wrong date on top], plus the other 441 signatures [where there were no issues] which would be a sufficient amount of signatures required to send the fire truck lease issue to referendum. [461 signatures are required].

Mr. Charter asked the Town Attorney if the BOS could disqualify the 25 signatures. Atty. Ryan reiterated his opinion.

Mr. Miller agreed with Town Attorney opinion. There's no question that the 148 signatures are invalid. The petition page regarding the 25 signatures was obviously a minor error. Although, Mr. Miller felt it was a mistake not obtaining the truck through Town Meeting, the process of the town/state laws must be respected.

Richard Neal, 17 Blueberry Circle, [one of the organizers of the petition] stated that the point is, not that the EVFD does not deserve to have the truck, but that the amount of money being spent on it [\$890,000] should be voted on by more electors than just the few that were in attendance at the October 20, 2008 Town Meeting.

Karen Neal, 17 Blueberry Circle, [one of the organizers of the petition] stated that the idea behind the petition was to provide more people with an opportunity to have a vote in the lease/purchase of the truck. Many people were not aware of the Town Meeting. More notification to the people regarding special meetings and large purchases needs to be done. A town-wide e-mail notification may be a good way to get the word out. The small notices that are published in the JI are not sufficient. A referendum will provide more people with the opportunity to vote.

Mr. Krieski felt that the specifications for the truck are too excessive. A less expensive truck could probably be acquired if EVFD was not so extravagant or if they went with a different vendor that is not so costly.

Chief Varney stated that the process for obtaining the truck, or any other large purchase, is done through Requests for Proposals. It is the most open process. Specifications are drawn up and proposals are sent in for consideration. It does not matter who the vendor is.

Mr. Krieski stated that the EVFD went "top shelf" on the specifications and that is why it cost so much money.

Chief Varney stated that he was not here tonight to discuss the merit of the fire apparatus proposal, but would be happy to have an open dialogue regarding the requests made. EVFD's primary interest is public safety. On behalf of himself and EVFD, he takes exception to the negative comments he has heard. To reiterate, the process used for the truck acquisition is the same process that is used for every other large expenditure. EVFD did not select the process. Nothing "sneaky" or unethical was done.

Carrie Fornal, 13 Lanz Lane, stated that she did not agree with the negative comments. For the last few budget years the truck has come up. This [truck] should be discussed in the regular Annual Town Budget Meeting. What seems "sneaky" was that there was very little notification of the October 20th Town Meeting. There was a little "blurb" in the JI. We are notified about trash pick up, but get little or no notification about something as important as the fire truck purchase. It left a "bad taste". This has nothing to do with the EVFD.

Ray Crabb, 18 Maple Street, asked if there was space for this fire truck.

Mr. Miller stated it would be housed at Nutmeg Storage Facility. The reason Nutmeg is being used is because the new firehouse was voted down and the current firehouse does not have enough space.

Mr. Crabb stated that we are going through tough economic times. There are seniors going through difficult times and people who need food. The town seems to find ways to "sneak" things through, like the Town Meeting of October 20th.

Mr. Miller stated that there was no "sneaking through". The fire truck has been in Capital Improvements for a number of years.

Mr. Wehr stated that as a BOF member, he attends many meetings. It seems that people only attend meetings when there is a "self-interest". Most meetings do not have many people in attendance. People become misinformed. He said there was a statement made [by Gardner Chapman, owner of Autumn Chase Apartment Complex] that the cost of the fire truck would come to \$35/unit on his taxes. Mr. Wehr stated the fact is that it comes to \$9.60/unit. This does not mean you should not go to referendum, but should know what you are talking about.

Mr. Wehr said that it has been suggested tonight that important issues, such as this, should be sent through town-wide e-mail. Mr. Wehr said that this request should be made in writing to the First Selectman.

Cynthia Costanzo, 16 Punkin Drive, stated that the BOS needs to make a decision about the petition, regardless of what everyone thinks or whether people were unaware or uninformed of this issue. Everyone else's opinion has nothing to do with it. Ms. Costanzo stated she felt the

comments made tonight were disturbing. The BOS should abide by the Town Attorney's recommendation. The only thing that should be discussed is whether the BOS should approve the petition. She stated she signed the petition because she was not well informed and was here tonight to see that the process is followed. Personal comments need to end now.

Mr. Prichard said that public comment is part of the process.

Mr. Charter asked for a motion from the BOS.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED (BURSTEIN, HARFORD, MILLER AND PRICHARD VOTED – AYE; TURNER – ABSTAINED) TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen has determined that the petition to overrule the Special Town Meeting of October 20, 2008, regarding entering into a five-year lease at 4.42% with Navistar Leasing Services Corporation for the purchase of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department aerial/pumper replacement in the amount of \$890,000 be sent to referendum, is hereby sufficient as prescribed by law.

THEREFORE, a special referendum shall be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Ellington High School with one question:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AT 4.42% WITH NAVISTAR LEASING SERVICES CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AERIAL/PUMPER REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$890,000 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS?"

Voters approving leasing the fire truck shall vote "Yes" and those opposing leasing the fire truck shall vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Deputy First Selectman Charter called for a brief recess at this time. [8:55 p.m.].

The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

C. Re-establish Budget Advisory Committee:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO RE-ESTABLISH THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2009-2010 BUDGET SEASON.

D. 2007-08 Year-End Transfers/Additional Appropriations:

Mr. DiCorleto distributed his recommendation for year-end transfers/additional appropriations (**attached**) and reviewed them with the BOS.

Mr. Miller questioned Item E. He was not comfortable appropriating \$96,514 from Unreserved General Fund Balance to Capital Non-recurring Fund for the Old Crystal Lake School House renovation. This item was cut out of Capital Improvements. It may look like the BOS is slipping it through.

Ms. Harford stated that this would need Town Meeting approval in any case.

Mr. DiCorleto stated that the Town has been trying to renovate this school house for the last 26 years. It is a historical building that the Town owns. It could be used to hold meetings for the PTO, CLFD, Crystal Lake residents, etc.

Ms. Burstein stated that Senator LeBeau would assist the Town in acquiring a grant.

Mr. DiCorleto stated that there may be issues in obtaining any grant money from the state due to the difficult economic times. Something needs to be done to preserve this building or the Town may as well tear it down or sell it.

Ms. Harford was in favor of using the \$96,514 to initiate renovations to the school house. Mr. Charter agreed.

Mr. Turner stated that he is the BOS liaison to the Crystal Lake Association (CLA). This renovation project is something the CLA has wanted the Town to consider so they can have a community center to hold meetings. Mr. Turner said he has reservations about this, based on residents' comments tonight; however, he is in favor of taking care of infrastructure and maintaining Town buildings.

Mr. DiCorleto stated that the problem is that if this project gets placed back in Capital Improvements, it may get cut out again. He felt this was an appropriate way to get this project started, rather than leave the money in the general fund balance. We have a historical building that we have been trying to fix for 26 years. We need to make a decision to either fix it or sell it.

Mr. Turner agreed with Mr. DiCorleto.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED (CHARTER, HARFORD, PRICHARD AND TURNER VOTED – AYE; MILLER VOTED – NAY; BURSTEIN – ABSTAINED) TO APPROVE THE YEAR-END TRANSFERS, ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER; AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO WARN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 7:15 P.M. AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL TO CONSIDER THE 2007-2008 YEAR-END TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS THAT REQUIRE TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

Mr. Neal said he is in favor of the Old Crystal Lake School House renovation project. He asked if he could get more details on the year-end transfers/additional appropriations. Mr. DiCorleto provided Mr. Neal with a copy.

E. Board of Selectmen 2009 Meeting Schedule:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPROVE THE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AS PRESENTED IN THE DRAFT. **(Attached)**

F. Release Maintenance Bond – Gasek Farms III:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO RELEASE THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO GASEK FARMS III, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ENGINEER AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Committee

1. Resignations: None

2. Appointments:

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO REAPPOINT PAUL POTAMIANOS TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2009-2010 BUDGET SEASON.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPOINT DANIEL CRAWFORD TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2009-2010 BUDGET SEASON.

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO APPOINT ROBERT McMULLEN AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED VACANT TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2009.

B. Other: None

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS: None

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: None

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MILLER) SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, BY THOSE PRESENT, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT.

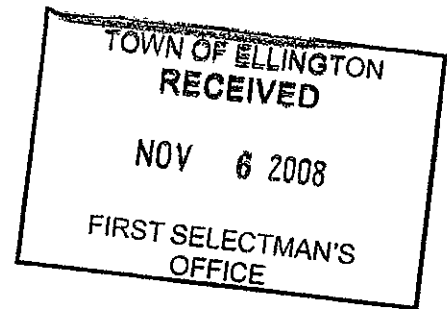
Submitted by Carol York Approved by Peter J. Charter
Carol York Peter J. Charter

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS				V-A	
NOVEMBER, 2008					
PERSON/CORPORATION REFUNDS					
DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION REFUNDS	MOV/PERS. PROP REAL ESTATE	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.	YEAR	REASON FOR
\$174.34	BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES NA INC.	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$83.08	CAB EAST LLC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$36.09	CAB EAST LLC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$175.32	DAMAR ANDREA	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$38.94	DISPIO MICHAEL J OR DOROTHY	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$9.45	DZIATO EDWARD L	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$215.31	FINANCIAL SERVICES VEHICLE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$158.84	FIRST AMERICAN RE TAX SERV (for Lee & Dutton)	REAL ESTATE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$1,004.06	FIRST AMERICAN RE TAX SERV (for Tully)	REAL ESTATE	07 TAX OFFICE		OVERPAYMENT
\$116.39	GMAC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 TAX OFFICE		OVERPAYMENT
\$19.28	GMAC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		REG IN MD
\$14.08	GOTTIER BRUCE	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		LEASE END
\$33.25	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 TAX OFFICE		OVERPAYMENT
\$136.03	HOMECHECK INSPECTION OR SERVICE LLC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$9.86	TAUCHER CHRISTINE A	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$8.18	TETRAULT AND SONS INC	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$23.20	VASILE ANTHONY M OR BARBARA C	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		TRANSFERRED TO DAUGHTER
\$766.03	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$383.88	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$473.72	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MOTOR VEHICLE	07 ASSESSOR		VEHICLE SOLD
\$3,879.33	NOVEMBER REFUND TOTAL				
	ABATEMENTS				
\$0.00	NOVEMBER ABATEMENT TOTAL				
\$3,879.33	NOVEMBER 2008 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL				
REFNOV08					



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Board of Selectmen,
Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman
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Dear Mike and Selectmen:

I have checked and verified 34 Petition pages that were filed in my office on October 30th to overrule the Town Meeting action of October 20th regarding the purchase of an aerial pumper fire truck.

The required number of signatures is at least 5% of the total electors of the town as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voter, according to Town Charter. That number at the time of the meeting is 461 signatures.

Six hundred and fourteen (614) signatures submitted are valid electors.

There is one petition page that has an incorrect statement at the top. This page contains 25 signatures.

There are eight petition pages that were circulated by Gardner Chapman. I am making note of this only because I have 4 notarized statements (attached) from electors stating that these pages were NOT circulated IN PERSON by Mr. Chapman as the signature at the bottom of each page indicates. The circulator signing at the bottom must be present for all signatures obtained on each page he/she signs for. This is per Conn. General Statute 7-9, 7-9a. The notarized statement also says that several of the people circulating these same petitions are not registered voters, which is also a requirement. It is their opinion that these pages are not valid. If this is the case, 148 signatures would not be valid.

Therefore, as required, I am submitting these petition pages to you in the 10 day time frame allowed. If you elect to accept all the signatures, within 15 days of receipt so certified, the Board is required to fix a time and place for a special referendum which shall be held not less than 20 nor more than 45 days after the certification of said petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane H. McKeegan".

Diane H. McKeegan
Town Clerk

/encl

cc; Atty. Atherton B. Ryan

V-D

These numbers may change after the auditors review

**TOWN OF ELLINGTON
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08**

**TRANSFERS/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
REQUIRES NO TOWN MEETING ACTION**

DOLLAR AMOUNT

**(A) FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
TRANSFERS FROM:**

950 Insurance	191,000	
450 Sanitary Landfill	119,115	
TOTAL	310,115	0

TRANSFERS TO:

130 Finance Officer	8,168
150 Town Counsel	22,405
310 Center Fire Dept	11,761
320 Crystal Lake Fire Dept	2,540
321 Fire Protection Hydrants	7,821
322 Emergency 911	12
331 Police Special Duty	39,254
333 Police Drug Abuse Resit Ed	88
375 Emergency Services incentive Program	10,888
425 Town Garage Maintenance	13,909
430 Street Signs	12,699
435 Grounds Maintenance -BOE/PARKS	7,495
440 Town Road Aid-Materials	12,623
455 Sanitary Recycling	30,609
460 WPCA Maintenance	29,534
480 Engineer & Inspections	14,462
610 Hall Memorial Library	32,954
741 Food Pantry	817
790 Municipal Agent	11
795 Senior Center	6,598
810 Town Hall	33,832
951 Insurance Reimbursement	10,375
1020 Ad HOC Alcohol/Drug Council	584
1075 Town Communications	676
TOTAL	310,115

**(B) FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
TRANSFERS FROM:**

410 General Town Roads	44,156	
TOTAL	44,156	0

TRANSFERS TO:

CapNRF-Local Capital Improvement Program	1,338
CapNRF-Town Hall Replmnt Cooling System	10,227
CapNRF-DPW-Storage Building	32,591
TOTAL	44,156

Town Charter Section 1009-Expenditures and Accounting - see attached

(C) Close Out Capital Non-Recurring Project to FY 07-08

Close out the following Cap-Non-Recurring Projects to Unreserved-General Fund Balance-07-08	162,514.27	0.00
2000-01-Industrial Dev- Planning Design	12,731.67	
2000-01-Industrial Dev-Airport Sewers-TownContrib	26,855.20	
2002-03-Brookside Park Refurbish Basketball Court	150.36	
2003-04-Codification of Town Laws and Regulations	4,157.63	
2004-05-Revaluation	26,158.20	
2004-05-EVFD-Radio Equipment Upgrade	218.75	
2004-05-BOE-High School Drainage/Electrical Work	23,636.01	
2005-06-Revaluation	20,965.00	
2005-06-BOE-High SchoolAtheltic Fields/ADA Compliance	26,373.30	
2006-07-DPW-One Ton Truck-Replacement	2,000.00	
2006-07-Windermere Rd/Pinney ST Roundabout	1,600.00	
2006-07-EVAC-Defibrillators/CPR Equipment	2,529.77	
2006-07-EVAC-Laptop Computers for Ambulance	5,493.21	
2006-07-BOE-CLS Wells Replacement	2,345.17	
2006-07-BOE-Windermere Soffit Repair/Painting	7,300.00	
	<u>162,514.27</u>	

Town Charter Section 1009-Expenditures and Accounting - see attached

REQUIRES TOWN MEETING ACTION-(D,E,F)**DOLLAR AMOUNT**

(D) APPROPRIATE FROM			
Unreserved-General Fund Balance-07-08		229,513	
	TOTAL	<u>229,513</u>	0
TO:			
370 E. Volunteer Ambulance		8,793	
420 Equipment Maintenance		57,693	
439 Town Road Aid-Winter		80,890	
585 Crystal Lake Water Monitor		2,500	
910 Debt Redemption-Principal*		75,150	
920 Debt Redemption-Interest*		4,487	
	TOTAL	<u>229,513</u>	0

Purchase of 17 Main Street at Town Meeting December 10, 2007
Bookkeeping entry to record payments.
See attached minutes

(E) APPROPRIATE FROM			
Unreserved-General Fund Balance-08-09		162,514	
	TOTAL	<u>162,514</u>	0
TO: CAPITAL NON RECURRING FUND 08-09			
Town Hall Generator		25,000	
Town Hall Energy Replmnt Windows		26,000	
Town Hall Front Door Replmnt		15,000	
Old Crystal Lake School House		96,514	
	TOTAL	<u>162,514</u>	

- (F) PREPAID GRANTS**
To increase PREPAID GRANTS and funds fully reimbursable for
Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2008
and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum
not to exceed \$377,174. New allocation total is \$955,574 (\$578,400
approved at Town Meeting May 8, 2007 plus \$377,174)

	TOWN OF ELLINGTON	
	FISCAL YEAR 2006-07	
	Department Explanations For Transfers	
130	Finance Officer	
	Payroll, upgrade on accounting system	
150	Town Counsel	
	Legal Issues, Labor negotiations	
310	Center Fire Dept	
	Motor vehicle parts and repairs	
320	Crystal Lake Fire Dept	
	Heating fuel	
321	Fire Protection Hydrants	
	Rate increases, and service increases	
322	Emergency 911	
	Contracted services	
331	Police Special Duty	
	Off set by revenues of \$78,051	
333	Police Drug Abuse Resit Ed	
	Off set by revenues of \$1,587	
375	Emergency Services Incentive Program	
	Fire/Ambulance incentive	
425	Town Garage Maintenance	
	Construction/heating fuel	
430	Street Signs	
	Signs	
435	Grounds Maintenance -BOE/PARKS	
	Maintenance of fields	
440	Town Road Aid-Materials	
	Construction projects	
455	Sanitary Recycling	
	Tires, steel, refrigerators, propane tanks, etc	
460	WPCA Maintenance	
	Reimbursed from WPCA	
480	Engineer & Inspections	
	Engineer & Inspections	
610	Hall Memorial Library	
	Repairs Mnt of Building, Contracted Services	
	Computers, part time help	
741	Food Pantry	
	Offset partly from donations	
790	Municipal Agent	
	Donations	
795	Senior Center	
	Part Time	

	TOWN OF ELLINGTON	
	FISCAL YEAR 2006-07	
	Department Explanations For Transfers	
810	Town Hall	
	Equipment rental, computers, contracted services	
951	Insurance Reimbursement	
	Insurance claims, reimbursment of \$18,452	
1020	Ad HOC Alcohol/Drug Council	
	Contracted services	
1075	Town Communications	
	Newsletter	
370	E. Volunteer Ambulance	
	Contracted services, motor vehicle repair	
420	Equipment Maintenance	
	Motor vehicles over by \$\$26,550	
	Gasoline over by \$3,456	
	Diesel over by \$27,686	
439	Town Road Aid-Winter	
	Snow supplies-sand, salt, etc.	
585	Crystal Lake Water Monitor	
	Water testing of lake	
910	Debt Redemption-Principal	
920	Debt Redemption-Interest	
	Purchase of 17 Main Street	

SECTION 1009. EXPENDITURES AND ACCOUNTING

- (g) Appropriations for construction or for other permanent improvements from whatever source derived, shall not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned, provided any such project shall be deemed to have been abandoned if three (3) fiscal years shall elapse without any expenditure from or encumbrances of the appropriation therefore. Any portion of any other annual appropriation remaining unexpended and unencumbered at the close of the fiscal year shall lapse and revert to the general fund.
- (h) Every payment made in violation of the provisions of this charter shall be deemed illegal, and every official willfully authorizing or making such payment or taking part therein shall be jointly and severally liable to the town for the full amount so paid or received.
- (i) The Board of Selectmen shall adopt, by resolution, such rules and regulations concerning expenditures and bidding procedures not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and Section 1010 of this charter.
- (j) All grants that have the potential to impose any financial burden on the Town must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance prior to acceptance. At the time of the acceptance, all information regarding future costs and/or responsibilities must be presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for review. [ADDED 11/06/07]
- (k) As to Capital Non-Recurring projects approved at the annual town budget meeting, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approval, additional appropriations of \$40,000 may be made to the project without town meeting approval, as well as close out of capital projects under \$40,000. [ADDED 11/06/07]

SECTION 1010. BORROWING

The town shall have the power to secure indebtedness by issuing its bonds or notes as provided by the General Statutes as amended subject to the limitations thereof and the provisions of this charter.

SECTION 1011. PURCHASING

Purchases for the Town of Ellington, except the Board of Education and the Probate Court, shall be made under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Board of Selectmen. For any purchase estimated at seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) or more, the Finance Officer shall invite sealed bids unless the Board of Selectmen shall decide it to be against the best interest of the town. The Finance Officer shall provide a minimum of ten (10) days public notice to potential bidders by publication at least once in a newspaper having circulation in the town. The Finance Officer shall, with the approval of the requesting board, commission, committee or department, award the purchase or contract to the lowest responsible bidder thereon or may reject any or all such bids or proposals. All such sealed bids or proposals shall be opened publicly. For any purchase less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), or such other amount required by law, the Finance Officer or his designee shall negotiate directly with prospective suppliers prior to the Finance Officer awarding the contract. [AMENDED 11/5/02; 11/6/07]



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF ELLINGTON Monday, December 10, 2007

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, will be held at the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington, Connecticut, on Monday, December 10, 2007, at 7:15 p.m., prevailing time, for the following purposes:

1. To discuss and vote upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate, as the recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance and the Planning and Zoning Commission, \$325,000 for acquisition of an approximately 2.28 acres parcel of land, and any buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, known as 17 Main Street in Ellington and shown on the Town Assessor's records as Parcel Number 064-021-0000, owned by and subject to a life use by, Edward C. Suchecki. Said parcel to be used for municipal purposes; and related site work.

(b) to authorize the payment of \$70,000 at closing and to authorize the First Selectman to sign on behalf of the Town a Promissory Note in the principal amount of \$255,000 payable in monthly installments of \$2,000 together including interest at 4.5% until paid, a 30-day default, cost of collection and acceleration upon the earlier death of Edward Suchecki clauses.

(c) to authorize the First Selectman, the Finance Officer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to acquire the property.

Dated at Ellington, Connecticut, this 19th day of November, 2007.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman

A copy of the Purchase Option Agreement/Promissory Note is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and First Selectman's Office.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2009 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Town Hall Meeting Hall, except where indicated in *italics*.

JANUARY

5 (Monday) Regular Meeting
26 (Monday) Capital Improvements

FEBRUARY

2 (Monday) Regular Meeting
10 (Tuesday) **BOS Capital Improvements Presentation to BOF**
23 (Monday) Budget Meeting

MARCH

9 (Monday) Regular Meeting
24 (Tuesday) **BOS Budget Presentation to BOF**

APRIL

7 (Tuesday) **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, 8:00 p.m. at Ellington High School**
27 (Monday) **REGATTA PUBLIC HEARING at Crystal Lake School**
followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

MAY

12 (Tuesday) **ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING, 8:00 p.m. at Ellington High School**
18 (Monday) Regular Meeting

JUNE

15 (Monday) Commission Members Recognition Program followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

JULY

20 (Monday) Regular Meeting

AUGUST

17 (Monday) Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER

21 (Monday) Regular Meeting

OCTOBER

19 (Monday) Employee Recognition Program followed by Regular Meeting of BOS

NOVEMBER

16 (Monday) Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

7 (Monday) Organizational Meeting
14 (Monday) Regular Meeting